



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Communications (August 22, 1991 through August 27, 1991)

MEETING DATE: September 4, 1991

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION :

AGENDA ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

J-1a

Discussion and appropriate action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION :

The attached communication **was** received between the dates of August 22, 1991 and August 27, 1991.

From Frank Alegre, 802 North Cluff Avenue, Lodi. Mr. Alegre's letter dated August 13, 1991 sets forth a number of concerns he **has** regarding Lodi Lake park.

FUNDING: None required.

Alice M. Reimche
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City Clerk

AMR/jmp

APPROVED: _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



FRANK J. ALEGRE TRUCKING, INC.

802 NO. CLUFF AVE.

LODI, CALIF. 95240

209-334-2112

EXHIBIT A

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ALICE M. REINICHE
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August 13, 1991

Mr. Ron Williamson
Director
City of Lodi
Parks and Recreation Department
125 North Stockton Street
Lodi, California 95240

Dear Mr. Williamson,

I've been watching the activities at Lodi Lake for the past 20 years and have observed frequent illegal boating and swimming on a regular basis. I have previously complained regarding the problems that occur at the late night parties and the lack of proper supervision.

As the park and lake area are a public facility it should be patrolled and maintained so that all Lodi residents can relax and enjoy the lake as it is intended. In the recent months the problems have increased and the illegal boating and swimming off of the city property has greatly increased, and a falling tree, which is a definite hazard to the public has fallen into the river as the levees have not been maintained and are eroding away and need to be rip-rapped - for their protection and also to save the trees along the bank from erosion caused by people walking up and down the levees as to get to the water. Also, someone is going to get injured and I feel that these problems must be corrected immediately.

I have called the park ranger twice in the past two months and found the only person on duty was Mr. Gums, who was posted at the entrance gate. There were no others on the park grounds to patrol or give assistance should the need arise. If we are going to have a park open to the public, then we should also be prepared to maintain and police the area and only one person on duty to supervise the whole park area is putting the tax payer of this city in a very costly position should someone get hurt out there and at the same time putting the one ranger in a very unsafe position - with the drinking and other goings on in the park.


I recently attended several San Joaquin County Planning Commission meetings and Scott Essin and Ron Williamson were there to ask the San Joaquin County Planning Commission to take in more property across the river - for more park area - This is a mystery to me. How can more park area be justified when the current area can't even be maintained and efficiently patrolled? With the great

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problems that are facing us at Lodi Lake Park; possible injuries, accidents, etc., that could cost this City of Lodi very large **law** suits stemming from the activities that are going on now due to the lack **of** supervision.

As a tax payer and resident of Lodi, **I** now must put all concerned on notice that if action is not taken now, and someone **gets** hurt due to the problems that I have mentioned, the people that are notified in this letter must be held responsible.

P.S. On the weekend of July 27 there was an illegal campfire at the site of the **rope** tree, and being there was only one ranger on duty no one was able to respond **2nd** inform that the campfire was to be extinguished,


Frank C. Alegre

FCA/jmh

cc: Mr. Scott Essin, Superintendent
Mr. Bob Johnson, Chairman, 1311 Midvale Rd.
Mr. Dennis Jones, 2401 W. **Tokay**
Mr. Bob Casalago, 509 Santee Ct.
Mr. Steve Scott, 511 Virginia
Ms. Elvera Melby, **8** N Sunset Dr.

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Mr. John Snider, Councilmember